

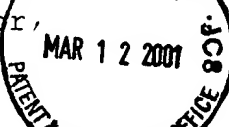
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For,  IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE
EQUIPPED WITH LIGHT
EMITTER AND IMAGE PICKUP
METHOD USING THE SAME

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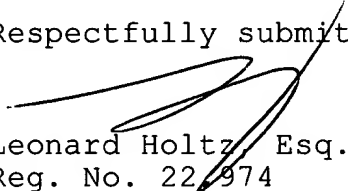
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